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Navy Employee Arrested as Spy

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 — A civilian who analyzed counterintelligence for the Navy was arrested today on espionage charges, accused of selling classified code information to Israel, Federal officials said.

The analyst, Jonathan Jay Pollard, 31 years old, was arrested near the Israeli Embassy here. Federal officials said he was trying to get the Israeli authorities to help him flee.

The Israeli Embassy here acknowledged through a spokesman that Mr. Pollard was arrested outside the embassy's gates this morning. "But we have no further information," said the spokesman, Gabi Raubitschek.

Mr. Pollard, one Federal official said, was an employee of the Naval Intelligence Service in suburban Suitland, Md. Over the last year and a half, one official said, he had received payments of "less than \$100,000" from the Israelis in exchange for code information. The nature of the information and its value to the Israeli Government could not be determined.

According to a Navy source, Mr. Pollard was detected after he began requesting access to documents that were not in his area of expertise.

Mr. Pollard was confronted with the espionage evidence "one or two days ago," a Federal law-enforcement official said. Mr. Pollard, the official said, agreed to cooperate and "possibly implicate more people." In conversations with Government agents, the official said, Mr. Pollard acknowledged selling classified information to the Israeli Government and to at least one Asian nation.

He was placed under observation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was being watched this morning as he drove to the Israeli Embassy, where agents arrested him, the official said.

"He bolted, he went to the embassy," another official said.

Before the arrest, Mr. Pollard talked with Israeli officials and said that "the F.B.I. is onto me, I need help," according to the law-enforcement official.

In papers filed today in Federal District Court here, the authorities said Mr. Pollard had told Federal agents that he had delivered documents and writings relating to national defense to an agent of a foreign government last Friday.

A Reagan Administration official said that a recent search of Mr. Pollard's home had turned up 50 or more classified documents. The official said that the information obtained by Mr. Pollard was sensitive but added, "I don't have any reason to believe it's in the Walker category."

He referred to John A. Walker Jr., a retired chief warrant officer in the Navy who pleaded guilty this month, along with his son, to charges of supply-

ing the Soviet Union with highly classified Navy documents.

United States Magistrate Patrick J. Attridge ordered Mr. Pollard held without bail pending a hearing next Wednesday.

Assistant United States Attorney Harry A. Benner requested no bail because, he said, Mr. Pollard had traveled outside the United States twice in the recent past and "shows some intent to flee." Mr. Benner also told the magistrate that Mr. Pollard had "large amounts of money that he received for his offenses."

Officials said they were unsure of the extent of the possible loss to American security because of Mr. Pollard's actions. The United States already shares much of its important military secrets with Israel, although the Israeli Government has quietly lobbied for additional access to certain intelligence information.

Israel has long been interested in acquiring weapons technology more advanced than the United States normally provides, and Washington's resistance to selling certain equipment to Israel has been a source of some political maneuvering between the two countries. American jet fighters sold to Israel, for example, are usually transferred without some sophisticated devices involving electronic counter-measures.

The Israelis have also been denied certain military intelligence information they wanted from the United States. For many years, Israel has qui-

etly lobbied for a ground station through which it could directly receive transmissions of photographs from United States spy satellites.

Israeli intelligence officials have said that Washington generally refuses to provide information on the Jordanian and Egyptian military, and that data on the deployments of armed forces in other Arab countries are given only in delayed fashion, after having been screened. As a result, the Israelis for years have flown their own reconnaissance missions over Arab countries.

An F.B.I. official who asked not be named said that the bureau had been alerted to Mr. Pollard by the Naval Intelligence Service, which discovered that he was taking classified documents from the naval installation.

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